COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS

ADJUSTMENT FILING OF MARTIN

GAS, INC.

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CASE NO. 8730-D

O R D E R

On May 9, 1983, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 8730 approving certain adjustments in rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased or decreased or a refund is received.

On November 14, 1983, Martin Gas, Inc., ("Martin") notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas would be decreased by its supplier, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") and submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with its purchased gas adjustment clause on file with this Commission.

After reviewing the record in this case and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) On August 10, 1983, and October 6, 1983, Columbia filed applications with the Commission for decreased rates to become effective september 1, 1983. On september 1, 1983, in Case No. 8730-B, and October 12, 1983, in Case No. 8730-C, Martin requested permission to track Columbia's decreases. By Orders issued September 12, 1983, and October 24, 1983, the Commission

approved Martin's filings effective September 1, 1983. Subsequent to Martin placing these rates into effect, Columbia filed on November 4, 1983, revised tariffs to be effective September 1, 1983.

- (2) Martin's notice of November 14, 1983, set out certain revisions in rates which Martin proposed to place into effect, said rates being designed to pass on the wholesale decrease in price from its supplier in the amount of \$6,479 or 11.3 cents per Mcf.
- (3) Due to the retroactive nature of Columbia's decrease, Martin should report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from September 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund any excess collections to its customers.
- (4) Martin's adjustment in rates under the purchased gas adjustment provisions approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 8730 dated May 9, 1983, is fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be effective with gas supplied on and after September 1, 1983.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates in the Appendix to this Order be and they hereby are authorized effective with gas supplied on and after September 1, 1983.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order Martin shall report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from September 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund any excess collections.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order Martin shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of November, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8730-D DATED NOVEMBER 22,1983

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Martin Gas, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

Pirst 1 Mcf Over 1 Mcf \$6.8668 Per Mcf 6.7668 Per Mcf

Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be \$7.00

The base rate for the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Martin Gas, Inc., shall be:

Commodity

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. Southeastern Gas Company \$5.612 per Mcf 0.140 per Mcf